

attempt to land upon it they would most certainly wait for a very dark night.

Looking out to the open main in the northward, one saw nothing but deserted boundless space, and it was from that quarter that the *Unicorn*, or any other ship despatched from England, must appear.

After having satisfied themselves that the battery was in order, the men were just preparing to come down, when Captain Gould asked:

" Is there not a powder magazine at Rock Castle r "

" Yes,"⁷⁷ Jack answered, " and I wish to goodness it were here instead of there! The three barrels that the *Unicorn* left us are in it."

" Where are they i "

" In a little cayity at the end of the orchard/³

The boatswain guessed the captain's thought.

" Probably/' he said, " those rascals may have discovered that magazine f "

" It is to be feared they may," Mr. Wolstoa answered.

" What is most to be feared," Captain Gould declared, " is that in their ignorance they may blow up the house."

"And themselves with it!" Jack esx&ime&

" Well, if Rock Castle had to go to Hazes in' the explosion, it wouH be one solution, for I

that those left of the filthy creatures
without* any heart to come back l